



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. KBB 2006 - 2

RESCHEDULING THE QUALIFYING, PROPOSITION, PRIMARY, AND GENERAL ELECTIONS IN THE PARISH OF ORLEANS

- WHEREAS,** "in order to ensure maximum citizen participation in the electoral process and provide a safe and orderly procedure for persons seeking to qualify or exercise their right to vote, to minimize to whatever degree possible a person's exposure to danger during declared states of emergency, and to protect the integrity of the electoral process," the Louisiana Legislature enacted R.S. 18:401.1 to provide "a procedure for the emergency suspension or delay and rescheduling of qualifying, absentee voting in person, and elections";
- WHEREAS,** on September 12, 2005, pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 18:401.1(B), the secretary of state certified to the governor that as a result of Hurricane Katrina a state of emergency exists in the parish of Orleans and made the recommendation to postpone and delay the special proposition elections for Kingswood Subdivision Improvement District, the Twinbrook Security District, and the Touro Bouligny Security District scheduled for November 12, 2005;
- WHEREAS,** Executive Order No. KBB 2005-36 was issued on September 14, 2005, postponing and delaying the special proposition elections scheduled for November 12, 2005, in the parish of Orleans, based on the certification of the secretary of state;
- WHEREAS,** on December 2, 2005, pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 18:401.1(B), the secretary of state certified to the governor that as a result of Hurricane Katrina a state of emergency exists in the parish of Orleans and made the recommendation that the qualifying period scheduled for December 14, 2005 through December 16, 2005, the proposition election and primary elections scheduled to be held on Saturday, February 4, 2006, and the general elections scheduled to be held on Saturday, March 4, 2006, be postponed and delayed;
- WHEREAS,** Executive Order No. KBB 2005-96 was issued on December 9, 2005, postponing and delaying the qualifying period scheduled for December 14, 2005 through December 16, 2005, and the proposition election and primary elections scheduled to be held on February 4, 2006, and the general elections scheduled to be held on March 4, 2006, in the parish of Orleans, based on the certification of the secretary of state;
- WHEREAS,** on January 23, 2006, the secretary of state made a written recommendation to the governor that the special proposition elections for Kingswood Subdivision Improvement District, Twinbrook Security District, and Touro Bouligny Security District scheduled for November 12, 2005, may be rescheduled for May 20, 2006; the qualifying period scheduled for December 14, 2005 through December 16, 2005, may be rescheduled for March 1, 2006 through March 3, 2006, the Orleans Parish municipal primary elections and the proposition election for Lakeview Crime Prevention District scheduled to be held on February 4, 2006, may be rescheduled for April 22, 2006, and the Orleans Parish municipal general elections scheduled for March 4, 2006, may be rescheduled for May 20, 2006;
- NOW THEREFORE I, KATHLEEN BABINEAUX BLANCO,** Governor of the state of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the state of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: In accordance with the procedures set forth in R.S. 18:401.1, and on the written

recommendation of the secretary of state, the special proposition elections scheduled for November 12, 2005, shall be rescheduled for May 20, 2006; the qualifying period scheduled for December 14, 2005 through December 16, 2005, shall be rescheduled for March 1, 2006 through March 3, 2006, the proposition election and primary elections scheduled to be held on February 4, 2006, shall be rescheduled for April 22, 2006, and the general elections scheduled to be held on March 4, 2006, shall be rescheduled for May 20, 2006, in the parish of Orleans. Notice of the rescheduling of the November 12, 2005 proposition elections, the December 14, 2005 through December 16, 2005 qualifying period, the February 4, 2006 proposition and primary elections, and the March 4, 2006 general elections shall be given in accordance with R.S. 18:401.1(C).

SECTION 2:

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, if any polling place in the parish of Orleans is determined destroyed, inaccessible, or unsafe for the qualifying period rescheduled for March 1, 2006 through March 3, 2006, the proposition and primary elections rescheduled for Saturday, April 22, 2006, and the proposition and general elections rescheduled for May 20, 2006, as soon as practicable, the parish clerk of court in conjunction with the local parish governing authority shall designate alternate emergency polling places. Notice of the location of the alternate emergency polling places shall be advertised, published and/or broadcast by all reasonable available means of communication.

SECTION 3:

This Order is effective upon signature.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the city of Baton Rouge, on this 24th day of January, 2006.

/S/ Kathleen Babineaux Blanco
GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR

/S/ Al Ater
SECRETARY OF STATE